

Maryland Plan to Eliminate Health Disparities

“IDENTIFYING FUNDING STRATEGIES & RESOURCES”

Committee Charge

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Preface: Securing resources for reducing ethnic and racial health care disparities is an essential element for implementing a successful program and sustaining improvements overtime. The breadth and scope of these resources constitute new state and federal funds, existing funds, professional staff, joint initiatives, foundation funds, community volunteers and a host of health systems programs that share the same vision for reducing health disparities in our lifetime.

Charge: The *Identifying Funding Strategies and Resources* committee is charged with conducting research to identify the availability of resources for reducing health disparities among ethnic and racial minorities in Maryland and to prepare recommendations whose implementation will bring resources to those programs that have a plan of action.

The Committee is asked to submit a report of recommendations to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by June 30, 2005

Methods: The Committee may use a variety of planning tools:

- A. Conduct wide research to locate potential resources,
- B. Invite expert speakers from the federal government, state officials, foundation representatives and others who have funds to distribute,
- C. Invite expert speakers from programs that have received funds targeted for reducing health disparities, and
- D. Seek innovative strategies that have worked for other states, other programs and other fields of endeavor.

“Funds are not given to programs, people invest in novel ideas and committed talented individuals with a vision of success”